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SUBJECT: THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY: PRELIMINARY

EXCHANGE OF DATA ON NTS

1. DURING BREAK IN NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE, MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAYEV DISCUSSED WITH KELLY AND LANDAUER PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL TEST SITES. KELLY POINTED OUT THAT DURING RATIFICATION PROCESS, IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO STATE THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE AND DETAIL OF INFORMATION TO BE EXCHANGED. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD THOUGHT IN TERMS OF EXCHANGING BLANK FORMS WITH DETAIL TO BE FILLED IN WHEN TREATY COMES INTO FORCE. MOROKHOV THEN ASKED IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMPLETE THE FORMS USING HYPOTHETICAL DATA. KELLY ASKED IF MOROKHOV HAD SUGGESTED THIS TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL. MOROKHOV RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT. HE CONTINUED THAT THIS IDEA HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY HIS AUTHORITIES. IF IT IS, HE WILL MAKE THIS SUGGESTION TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WHEN BOTH HAVE RETURNED TO MOSCOW LATER THIS MONTH. KELLY RESPONDED THAT A HYPOTHETICAL EXCHANGE MIGHT WELL BE USEFUL IN CLARIFYING THE SCOPE AND DETAIL FOR BOTH SIDES PRIOR TO RATIFICATION.

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2. COMMENT. IDEA OF HYPOTHETICAL DATA EXCHANGE WAS
BROUGHT UP BY SOVIETS WITHOUT PROMPTING BY KELLY AND
LANDAUER WHO DID NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE THAT USG HAS
ALREADY ADDRESSED HYPOTHETICAL EXCHANGE AND DETERMINED
THAT IT WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE APPROACH.

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